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1 TOWNSHIP OF NUTLEY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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4 NUTLEY, NEW JERSEY 07110

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6 *** CONFERENCE SESSION ***

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8 DATE: April 21, 2020

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10 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

- 11 JOSEPH P. SCARPELLI, MAYOR
- 12 STEVEN L. ROGERS, COMMISSIONER
- 13 MAURO G. TUCCI, COMMISSIONER
- 14 THOMAS J. EVANS, COMMISSIONER
- 15 ALPHONSE PETRACCO, COMMISSIONER

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17 Also Present:

- 18 ALAN GENITEMPO, TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

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1 (Recording begins)

2 MAYOR SCARPELLI: All right. I'm going to
3 ask everybody except the commissioners, the Town Clerk,
4 and Mr. Genitempo to mute your phones so that we can
5 have the least background noise as possible. So could
6 everybody please stand for the flag salute.

7 (Pledge of Allegiance)

8 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Madam Clerk, will you read
9 the Sunshine Notice?

10 THE CLERK: Yes, thank you, Mayor. Board of
11 Commissioners Public Meeting, Tuesday, April 21st,
12 2020. The time is now 7:05. Pursuant to the
13 requirement of the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter
14 231, Public Law 1975, notice of this meeting was
15 published in the November 28th, 2019 issues of the
16 Nutley Sun, the Herald News, and the Star Ledger. Due
17 to the COVID-19 pandemic, the public meeting of this --
18 for the remainder of the year 2020 have been changed to
19 teleconference meeting until further notice. Notice of
20 these -- of this meeting revision has been published in
21 the April 3rd, 2020 issues of the Star Ledger and the
22 Herald News, and the April 9, 2020 issues of the Nutley
23 Sun, as well as TAPintoNutley.

24 Commissioner Rogers?

25 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Here.

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1 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

2 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Here.

3 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

4 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Here.

5 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco.

6 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Here.

7 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli.

8 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Here.

9 THE CLERK: All present, Mayor.

10 MAYOR SCARPELLI: I'm going to ask that we
11 have a moment of silence for the -- as we mourn the 26
12 residents who have passed away due to this virus, many
13 of them very, very close to our hearts.

14 (Pause)

15 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you.

16 Minutes, Madam Clerk?

17 THE CLERK: Thank you, Mayor. We have
18 meeting minutes for March 6th, 2020, for the budget
19 workshop, as well as March 17th, 2020. I need a
20 motion, please.

21 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Move it.

22 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Move it.

23 THE CLERK: And a second.

24 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

25 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

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1 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

2 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

3 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

5 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

7 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

9 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

10 THE CLERK: And that's it for minutes, Mayor.

11 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Let's move to the
12 proclamation of -- Commissioners, you all set to split
13 this up?

14 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Yes, Mayor.

15 MAYOR SCARPELLI: All right. It says, on
16 behalf of the entire Board of Commissioners, this
17 proclamation.

18 Whereas, the Coronavirus COVID-19, is an
19 infectious virus, caused by a newly discovered
20 coronavirus; and

21 Whereas, the COVID-19 virus has infected over
22 a million people worldwide, is responsible for
23 countless unnecessary deaths, and has become a
24 worldwide pandemic; and --

25 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Whereas --

1 MAYOR SCARPELLI: -- Whereas, there is no
2 current treatment or vaccine for the COVID-19 virus;
3 and.

4 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Whereas, the greatest
5 weapon available to defend against this inevitable and
6 invisible disease is the courageous work our network of
7 First Responders, scientists, researchers, and medical
8 professionals, who are on the front line combating the
9 Coronavirus pandemic; and

10 Whereas, the Township of Nutley is
11 tremendously grateful to all those who have chosen the
12 noble profession of healing, caring, and protecting
13 others; and

14 Whereas, all of the First Responders and
15 medical professionals across New Jersey, and
16 specifically in Nutley, treat their fellow neighbors
17 with compassion, dignity, and respect, and the respect
18 that they deserve; and.

19 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Whereas, we express our
20 immense gratitude to all those caring for and treating
21 patients across our nation, and whose commitment to
22 serving others has never been clearer. Their
23 commitment to society is immeasurable; and

24 Whereas, we thank all the scientists and
25 researchers relentlessly working day and night to

1 develop a vaccine for this deadly virus; and

2 Whereas, we are also grateful to all township
3 employees, truck drivers, social workers, grocery store
4 workers, and all others that are working to ensure that
5 the nation is receiving the vital supplies and services
6 needed to get this -- through the pandemic; and

7 Whereas, we extend our thanks to all of our
8 educators who continue to find ways to educate our
9 children and provide them with the skills and knowledge
10 needed to help future generations; and.

11 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Commissioner?

12 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Whereas, all these
13 brave men and women are the most fearless, talented,
14 and gifted in the world, whose incredible spirit and
15 resolve is helping to save lives each day in
16 contributing to the well being of our citizens.

17 And now therefore be it resolved by the Mayor
18 and the Board of Commissioners of the Township of
19 Nutley, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that we
20 extend our utmost appreciation, gratitude, and most
21 important, our sincere thanks to all of the individuals
22 and professionals courageously working to save lives
23 during this pandemic. And.

24 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Be it further resolved
25 that the Township of Nutley pray for the continued

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1 strength and health of all those affected by this
2 virus, and in need of healing.

3 Be it also resolved that the Township of
4 Nutley extend its thoughts and prayers to all those we
5 have lost during this pandemic and their families. No
6 one will be forgotten.

7 So moved.

8 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Commissioners,
9 and thank all the people who are out there on the front
10 lines, either protecting us, serving us, providing the
11 services that we need during this pandemic.

12 Reports. Commissioner Evans?

13 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Yes, Mayor. I have a
14 Code Enforcement report for the month of March, 2020.

15 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Bills, Madam Clerk?

16 THE CLERK: Thank you, Mayor. Bill list for
17 April 21st, 2020. Public Affairs, \$101,305.22; Revenue
18 and Finance, \$3,449,370.67; Public Safety, \$47,267.77;
19 Public Works, \$24,360.35; Parks and Public Property,
20 \$475,667.19; Water Utility, \$11,303.53; Overtime
21 Payroll Total, \$21,557.11; Total Payroll, \$834,411.43
22 for a grand total of \$4,943,686.16.

23 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Move the bills.

24 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

25 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

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1 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

2 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

3 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

5 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

7 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

9 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

10 THE CLERK: That's it for bills, Mayor.

11 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Public comment on agenda
12 items only. Madam Clerk.

13 THE CLERK: Thank you, Mayor. All persons
14 addressing the Board of Commissioners regarding
15 community concerns should state their name and address
16 for the record. Unless further time is granted by the
17 Board of Commissioners, each person shall limit their
18 address to three minutes. All remarks to the board and
19 its individual members must be addressed to the mayor.
20 The mayor may defer citizens' comments to the
21 appropriate member of the board. Dialogue between
22 citizens and others addressing the board shall be
23 allowed, unless the mayor or presiding officer, or the
24 majority of the membership of the board shall determine
25 that the interests of decorum and/or the expeditious

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1 conduct of municipal business are being adversely
2 affected by such dialogue.

3 MR. MOORE: Rory Moore, 452 Chestnut Street.
4 Mr. Scarpelli, on your Page 1 of your bill list, down
5 towards the bottom, it states eight Essex County Police
6 Academy. What is that for?

7 MAYOR SCARPELLI: On my bill list?

8 MR. MOORE: It's on the bill list, first
9 page. I didn't -- I have a few very brief ones. Do we
10 have somebody in the police academy right now, for the
11 police department?

12 MAYOR SCARPELLI: That's a Public Safety
13 question.

14 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: I don't -- I'm not --

15 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Commissioner Petracco, do
16 you --

17 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: I don't believe we
18 have anybody in the police academy. In fact, I don't
19 think there is a police academy right now because of
20 what's going on.

21 MR. MOORE: What is the reason we paid the
22 academy \$5200 for?

23 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: It might have been
24 from -- for our past participant. I can look into that
25 and let you know, Rory. That's what I'm guessing. Or

1 it's -- we paid it, and I'll check tomorrow, thinking
2 that there was going to be a police academy, and there
3 isn't now, so I can get the final details and let you
4 know that tomorrow.

5 MR. MOORE: Okay, great, thank you. On the
6 -- I see a number of new listed Amazon.com Services,
7 Incorporated, and they're all over different
8 departments. Is that something new? Are we using AWS?
9 At the township?

10 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Pay -- yeah, we
11 qualified finally for Amazon purchasing breaks, as a
12 municipal government finally. So you'll see that,
13 because there's a -- usually it's for making purchases.

14 MR. MOORE: So is that something we needed
15 forward?

16 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Yes.

17 MR. MOORE: Okay. And on the final -- final
18 question, Page 4, bottom of the page, I see a number of
19 delis, taverns, caterers, and it looks like that was
20 for this month. Is there a reason that you were
21 purchasing food from these guys? So you -- the crisis?
22 There's four, four in fact. Bottom of Page 1151 and
23 1152.

24 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Right. Mr. Moore, this
25 is Commissioner Tucci. Yes, these are the discounted

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1 meals that these different establishments have been
2 providing for our senior citizens, and that our Parks
3 Department has been delivering for them.

4 MR. MOORE: Oh, okay.

5 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Both lunch and dinner.

6 And we rotate them --

7 MR. MOORE: Okay, great.

8 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: -- around so everyone
9 gets a chance.

10 MR. MOORE: All right, thank you. I was just
11 curious.

12 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: You're welcome.

13 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Does anybody else wish to
14 address the Board of Commissioners on agenda items
15 only? Seeing none, let's move to Board of Commissioner
16 announcements. Commissioner Tucci?

17 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Yes, I'd just like to
18 express my utmost sympathy for all of those friends and
19 neighbors that we've lost to this coronavirus, and in
20 particular, our most recent loss, Dr. Giuliano, who
21 basically gave his life trying to heal and protect
22 everyone else. I know I can speak firsthand as to what
23 he's done for me and my family, and I know there are so
24 many other families out there who have many, many more
25 stories than I have about the generosity, the

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1 professionalism, and the brilliance of this man, and
2 the passion that he had for healing folks, so I'd just
3 like to once again extend condolence and all the
4 prayers in the world to the family of Dr. Giuliano.
5 Thank you, Mayor.

6 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Commissioner.
7 Commissioner Evans?

8 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you, Mayor. Yeah,
9 I have several things that I have to go through. And
10 Joe, I have to talk about the budget aid, the bond
11 participation, the revaluation. Should I do that all
12 right now, or it would be -- or do you think there's
13 another time to do that?

14 MAYOR SCARPELLI: No, I'd like to make --
15 let's do it now.

16 COMMISSIONER EVANS: All right. Do you want
17 to check with anybody else, and then I'll be last?

18 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Sure. Commissioner
19 Petracco?

20 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Yes, I would just
21 like to announce, and I would like to thank Will Brush
22 (phonetic) and kind of dovetail on Commissioner Tucci
23 for putting that parade that went by Dr. Giuliano's
24 office. The least that we could do. I want to thank
25 everyone that participated in that, and Public Safety.

1 Dr. Giuliano was also my family doctor for all my
2 family, and he will be greatly missed. He was really,
3 really, an asset to the town. Thank you, Mayor.

4 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Commissioner.
5 Commissioner Rogers?

6 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Yes, Mayor. I'd just
7 like to make a note that the process that we put
8 together in managing the crisis here in Nutley has been
9 very, very good, and all of the departments, every
10 single department here, in partnership with the Health
11 Department, we've been able to get the accurate
12 information out, we've been able to put the death
13 rumors, the unnecessary stuff that's put on the
14 internet, we've been able to address, and I've got to
15 tell you, it's calmed a lot of nerves, and the
16 transparency is very good, and can't say enough about
17 the OEM guys. That's your department, Commissioner
18 Petracco, correct? Can't say enough about them.

19 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Thank you. Thank
20 you.

21 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Okay. But everyone has
22 been doing a grand job --

23 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Outstanding work.

24 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: -- yeah.

25 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Outstanding.

1 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: But every department,
2 all of our employees, I mean, some of them, look, you
3 know, some of them are working many, many hours from
4 their homes, and I mean many hours, so I just wanted to
5 give you that update, that it's something that we could
6 all look back and say, job well done, on behalf of the
7 employees.

8 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Commissioner.
9 Before I get to Commissioner Evans, I -- first, I would
10 like to express my, also, sympathy to the Brown family.
11 They've comforted so many of us during our difficult
12 times, and to lose their son to this virus is tragic.
13 And Dr. Giuliano was a friend of mine for over 35
14 years. When I first got married, we actually were next
15 door neighbors in an apartment together. And, you
16 know, I got to know him then. I became his patient.
17 He took care of my family, took care of my dad, and I'm
18 heartbroken to lose Michael. And that -- that's all I
19 can say right now. Commissioner Evans?

20 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you, Mayor. Yes.
21 Just before I go to my list, absolutely, our town has
22 suffered many losses, and, you know, not one of them
23 could be justified in any capacity, given the severity
24 of this virus. As we continue to social distance,
25 continue to raise good behavior and consistent behavior

1 around protecting ourselves, we will get through this.
2 And I truly believe we will get through this together.
3 As in Nutley, we always stand united in the fight. But
4 the toll -- and not just in who we've lost, but those
5 that have survived, but have gone through great
6 struggles in order to get there, but were able to
7 survive, it's just -- and I'm sure, you know, we're not
8 even tracking all of the cases, because it's only
9 what's reported by testing, and I'm sure there's other
10 cases out there that we're not even, you know, really
11 fully aware of. But we all are in this together, and
12 together, I'm sure we will win.

13 I'm going to move on to some financial
14 things. One, I just need to add to the record that on
15 April 4th, we had a bond sale. We -- our bond was for
16 \$5,000,944 and -- \$5,944,800 -- I'm sorry. It's five
17 -- \$5,944,856. I didn't say that right.

18 What's great about that, this is a one-year
19 note. We've been following a one-year (indiscernible)
20 the practice because the interest rates are so
21 favorable that we were able to renew this note at 1.48
22 percent interest, down from the 1.83 percent we had
23 last year. I just need to put that into the record to
24 satisfy our bond council.

25 I have several other -- just points I want to

1 raise that I think are worth noting. We were able to
2 complete this week the registrations with the Essex
3 County Board of Taxation, and we were able to defer the
4 revaluation to 2022. It just didn't make any sense to
5 try and move forward with a revaluation when everything
6 is in turmoil, and fortunately, we were able to get the
7 board to agree with us. We will continue to monitor
8 that, so right now, no one -- especially from a safety
9 standpoint, no one has to worry about someone coming
10 into their house.

11 And I want to stress this fully, and this is on
12 behalf of the entire board, that if anyone goes to --
13 comes to someone's door, saying that they're here to
14 inspect their house, they should not admit them. And
15 I'm going to raise this, Commissioner Petracco,
16 tomorrow, I want to have Will update the OEM
17 announcement on that, and continue to blast it, because
18 with the deferral, there shouldn't be any type of
19 inspection going on today. So good news is that we've
20 been able to get that deferred.

21 The other news I think is important, that
22 many people have asked about whether or not we will be
23 able to expand the grace period for paying second
24 quarter property taxes, and I am -- I want to be clear,
25 it's not -- the local government has no ability to

1 change a state law. So the grace period is governed by
2 state law. But I have been in contact with our
3 legislative representative for DCA, and our other
4 officers. The legislature is kindly working on a set
5 of amendments that would provide guidance to local
6 municipalities on how to handle local property tax
7 payments. We're about two weeks away from that
8 information, but it is coming.

9 There's -- some towns have actually announced some
10 local action, but I want to be clear about that. Those
11 are entirely unlawful, and we as a board do not have
12 the ability to adopt such positions at this time. I
13 just wanted to make sure we were clear on that.

14 The next piece is really good news for the town.
15 I have been working on this for the last couple of
16 weeks, and I confirmed with Lieutenant Governor Oliver
17 today. We have secured a commitment for our
18 transitional state aid, which will allow us to
19 confidently move forward, and introduce our budget on
20 May 5th. It brings our total aid now up to \$28 million
21 over -- since 2014.

22 Some have questioned, you know, why. What's
23 really important about this is basically three things.
24 Having the aid has really strengthened our negotiating
25 posture when it comes to the decisions that we have to

1 make on the redevelopment of the Roche site, and it's
2 (indiscernible) the position of -- those are on the --
3 who are on the negotiating team, but the entire board,
4 because we're aligned and united on the decisions that
5 we make.

6 The second is that it allows us to
7 actually make other investments that we otherwise would
8 not have been able to make. What's really important
9 about understanding this aid is normally, when you get
10 transitional aid, it only covers the municipal portion
11 of the tax. Back in 2013, when I modified the
12 definition to the aid, we are getting full dollar
13 coverage. We're getting a dollar -- we're getting
14 money for our municipal aid, our municipal portion of
15 the tax, the school tax, and the county tax. And
16 really basically what that means, and what's so
17 critical here, is that since we have now 14 --
18 \$28 million in our hand, the \$14 million of that has
19 been able to go to our schools for the benefit of our
20 children, that otherwise would have created a hardship
21 that could have looked at, you know, layoffs of
22 teachers.

23 We also have been able to invest -- make important
24 investments in Public Safety, which I'm sure,
25 Commissioner Petracco, you're well aware of. That aid

1 has now been able to help us do that. So it -- the aid
2 is very essential. We're going to continue to work for
3 -- towards continuing the aid. The most significant
4 thing about it is, aid is transitional, and we are --
5 have been negotiating with the state to make our -- a
6 permanent, and we're very close to being able to move
7 forward on that, and we'll continue to do so. So the
8 transitional aid is very important to us, and has been
9 important for our budget.

10 The other item that I want to reference tonight is
11 that with having our transitional aid commitment in
12 place, we have always been, and it's my responsibility
13 to have -- you know, to make sure that we're doing
14 things to be prepared for when there's a crisis. I
15 don't do that alone. That's something that this entire
16 board does, and we work together every year on the
17 budget to make sure we can manage our way through that.
18 So with the preparedness that in my department I've
19 been able to create, and with the support of and the
20 commitment and the contribution from each of the
21 commissioner departments, it is my -- happy -- I'm
22 happy, I'm pleased, to -- highly, with the work done,
23 pleased, to share with everybody, that when we
24 introduce our municipal budget on May 5th, we will not
25 have a tax rate increase. The tax rate increase for

1 the municipal budget will be zero.

2 In order to do that, we had to find a way to
3 absorb two and a half million dollars, and we did that
4 collectively as -- together, as a team, working for the
5 residents. So that's a very significant step that we
6 will take action on May 5th, and I wanted to share it
7 tonight.

8 In addition to that, we've been working and
9 coordinating with the county, and based upon the --
10 what we faced, and those discussions, I expect that the
11 county tax rate won't change, either, so there's --
12 there will be a zero increase in the county rate. I
13 have been in touch with the school, and currently the
14 school is working through their budget, and is
15 currently at a 2.2 percent increase. So overall, we
16 basically will have an increase here for the school
17 board, but otherwise, under the tax rate, both the
18 county and the municipality will be zero. Mayor,
19 that's all I have.

20 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Commissioner, and
21 that's good news. And I'd like to thank all the
22 commissioners for their hard work in helping get there.
23 Some other good news that, you know, we -- with this
24 COVID virus, we always have bad news, it seems, to tell
25 people. But I've been tracking the numbers

1 unofficially, and we're definite over the peak, over
2 the apex. The hospitals continue to discharge people,
3 and more people are recovering. So we are going to see
4 light at the end of the tunnel very soon, and as we
5 said before, we're going to beat this thing. So let's
6 move on to resolutions. So let's -- Commissioners, do
7 you have anything else that you'd like to add?

8 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: I'd like to add a
9 comment, if I can go, Mayor.

10 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Sure, Commissioner.

11 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: This is Commissioner
12 Petracco. I'd like to thank everyone, Tom, I'd like to
13 thank you for always working with me with the budget.
14 I'd like to thank each and every commissioner, the
15 mayor, myself, for investing in Public Safety, and I'd
16 like to tell you that the investment is paying
17 royalties. To be one of the top 50 safest communities
18 in New Jersey, I think is saying something, and I
19 couldn't do it alone. I couldn't do it alone, because
20 my budget has risen, and without the help of all the
21 commissioners, to trim away at your business and fund
22 Public Safety properly, I can't thank all of you
23 enough.

24 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Commissioner.

25 Any other commissioners want to jump in before we move

1 to resolutions? Commissioner Tucci?

2 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: No, I'm good, thank you.

3 MAYOR SCARPELLI: You want to read your
4 resolution?

5 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: I'd love to read my
6 resolution. Whereas, the Township of Nutley has a need
7 to acquire services as a fair and open contract
8 pursuant to the provision of New Jersey Local Public
9 Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1; and

10 Whereas, the Department of Parks and Public
11 Property has determined that there is a need to acquire
12 services for the provision of roofing service and
13 purchase; and

14 Whereas, the Municipal Clerk is hereby
15 authorized and directed to advertise for sealed bids
16 for roofing service and purchase.

17 Now therefore be it resolved by the Board of
18 Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, County of
19 Essex, State of New Jersey, that sealed bids shall be
20 due on Wednesday, May 13th, 2020, at 11:00 a.m.,
21 addressed to the Municipal Clerk, Nutley Township Hall,
22 1 Kennedy Drive, Nutley, New Jersey, at which time they
23 will be publicly opened and read. I move the
24 resolution.

25 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

1 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

2 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

4 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

6 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

8 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

10 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

11 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: That's all I have,
12 Mayor.

13 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Commissioner.
14 Commissioner Evans?

15 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you, Mayor.

16 Whereas, the Township of Nutley in the County of Essex,
17 New Jersey, has previously issued its bond anticipation
18 notes and other debt obligations; and

19 Whereas, in connection with the issuance of
20 certain of the bonds, and for the purposes of assisting
21 underwriters to comply with Rule 15c-12 under the
22 Security Exchange Commission Act of 1934, the Township
23 has covenanted, and/or entered into one or more
24 undertakings or agreements to provide continuing
25 disclosure to the public marketplace; and

1 Whereas, continuing disclosure obligation
2 requires the Township to file certain financial
3 information and notice of certain events in specified
4 places and at specified times; and

5 Whereas, the Township desire -- is desirous
6 of retaining a professional firm that specializes in
7 continuing disclosure matters to make the necessary
8 filings at the specified places and at the specified
9 times as part of the Township's continuing disclosure
10 obligation;

11 Whereas, funds are available in Account 0-01-
12 208-205 (Subject to the Adoption of the 2020 budget)
13 and have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer,
14 said certification being attached to this resolution.

15 Now therefore be it resolved by the Board of
16 Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, County of
17 Essex, New Jersey, as follows:

18 1. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby
19 authorized and directed to execute an agreement with
20 NW Financial Group, 2 Hudson Place, Hoboken, New
21 Jersey, for services of professional financial audit
22 services for a total amount not to exceed \$1,500, in
23 accordance with a proposal dated April 10th, 2020. And
24 this amount hasn't changed from the previous years.

25 2. This contract was awarded without

1 competitive bidding as a professional service in
2 accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of Local Public
3 Contracts Law because the contract is for a service
4 performed by a person authorized by law to practice a
5 recognized profession that is regulated by law.

6 And third, the notice of this action shall be
7 printed once in the Nutley Sun for legal notice to the
8 Township of Nutley. So move.

9 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

10 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

11 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

12 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

13 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

14 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

15 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

16 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

17 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

19 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

20 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second, my second

21 resolution. Whereas, the COVID-19, known as the
22 Coronavirus, has disrupted the lives of all Nutley
23 residents, including families with pets; and

24 Whereas, N.J.A.C. 8.34A-4.1 mandates that the
25 Municipal Clerk can only renew a pet license when the

1 pet has a current, or has had an updated rabies
2 inoculation that extends through at least ten months of
3 the renewal period, in this case, February 28th, 2021;
4 and

5 Whereas, the Township has the free rabies
6 clinics originally scheduled for the month of April,
7 2020 in accordance with the Governor's executive order
8 establishing strict limitations on large group
9 gatherings; and

10 Whereas, the Township hopes to be able to
11 reschedule the free clinics in the June time frame; and

12 Whereas, the Township, in light of this
13 pandemic health crisis, desires to avoid unnecessary
14 costs, and additional financial burdens associated with
15 veterinarian visits to obtain rabies inoculations for
16 their pets.

17 And now therefore, the Board of Commissioners
18 of the Township of Nutley in the County of Essex does
19 hereby adopt and authorize the following;

20 1. The pet license renewal period is hereby
21 extended 90 days to July 31st, 2020.

22 2. The \$10 late payment penalty is waived
23 through July 31st, 2020. So move.

24 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

25 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

1 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

2 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

3 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

5 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

7 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

9 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

10 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you, Mayor.

11 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Commissioner.

12 Commissioner Petracco?

13 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Yes, I'm here. Let's
14 see. Whereas, the Township of Nutley Police Department
15 has determined the need to dispose of certain municipal
16 vehicles and equipment that are no longer usable and/or
17 have come to the end of their practical term of
18 service; and

19 Whereas, the Township of Nutley Police
20 Department has identified a 1990 Van Ambulance Model G,
21 8,790 miles, and a 2002 Dodge Durango, mileage 70,212,
22 are not practical to continue in service with this
23 Township; and

24 Whereas, the Township of Nutley accepted
25 sealed bids on April 8, 2020 through Resolution

1 Number 62-20, and has received one offer from Sean
2 Irwin, 721 Pompton Turnpike, Pompton Plains, New Jersey
3 each; and

4 Whereas, the Nutley Police Department has
5 accepted the offer for the 1990 Van Ambulance and the
6 Dodge Durango.

7 And now therefore be it resolved by the Board
8 of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, County of
9 Essex, New Jersey, accepts the offer in the amount of
10 \$50 for each vehicle from Sean Irwin, 721 Pompton
11 Turnpike, Pompton Plains. I move the resolution.

12 THE CLERK: I need a second, please.

13 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Second.

14 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

15 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

16 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

17 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

19 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

21 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

23 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

24 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: That's all I have.

25 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Commissioner.

1 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: You're welcome.

2 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Whereas, an application has
3 been filed for a place-to-place transfer of Plenary
4 Retail Consumption License Number 0716-33-019-007
5 hereto issued to JON-GRU, LLC for an inactive license
6 with a mailing address of 1 Stewart Avenue, Nutley, New
7 Jersey;

8 Whereas, the submitted application form is
9 complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been
10 paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the
11 current license term.

12 Now therefore be it resolved that the Board
13 of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley does hereby
14 approve, effective April 21st, 2020, the Place-to-Place
15 transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption
16 License from inactive pocket license to 692-696 Passaic
17 Avenue, Nutley, New Jersey, and does hereby direct the
18 Municipal Clerk to endorse the license certificate as
19 follows: This license, subject to all its terms and
20 conditions, is hereby transferred to premises located
21 at 692-696 Passaic Avenue, Nutley, New Jersey. I move
22 the resolution.

23 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

24 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

25 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

1 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

2 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

4 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

6 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

8 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye. Whereas, the
9 Township of Nutley entered into a contract with IPS
10 Group Inc., 7737 Kenamar Court, San Diego, California,
11 for single space parking meters; and

12 Whereas, the Township of Nutley awarded a
13 contract to IPS Group in the amount of \$248,007.50; and

14 Whereas, Change Order Number One for
15 additional freight has been authorized in the amount of
16 \$7,435; and

17 Whereas, funds are available from Account
18 Number 9-01-806-277, and have been certified by the
19 Chief Financial Officer, said certification being
20 attached to this resolution.

21 Now therefore be it resolved by the Board of
22 Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, County of
23 Essex, State of New Jersey, that change order number
24 one is a change from the award previously made by the
25 Township of Nutley with IPS Group, and is hereby

1 authorized and approved the amount of \$7,435. I move
2 the resolution.

3 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

4 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

5 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

7 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

9 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

10 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

11 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

12 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

13 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye. That concludes the
14 business portion of our meeting. Madam Clerk, will you
15 read the notice?

16 THE CLERK: Sure, Mayor. All persons
17 addressing the Board of Commissioners regarding
18 community concerns should state their name and address
19 and provide it for the record. Unless further time is
20 granted by the board, each person shall limit their
21 address to five minutes. All remarks to the board and
22 its individual members must be addressed to the mayor.
23 The mayor may defer citizens' comments to the
24 appropriate member of the board. Dialogue between
25 citizens and others addressing the board shall be

1 allowed, unless the mayor or presiding officer, or the
2 majority of the membership of the board shall determine
3 that the interests of decorum, and/or the expeditious
4 conduct of municipal business are being adversely
5 affected by such dialogue.

6 MR. MOORE: Rory Moore, 452 Chestnut Street.
7 Mr. Scarpelli. I have a few extra questions. Last
8 night, the Planning Board experimented with Zoom for
9 their meeting. Is there any kind of a reason that the
10 Township wouldn't use one platform all the time?

11 MAYOR SCARPELLI: What do you mean,
12 Mr. Moore?

13 MR. MOORE: In other words, if you're using a
14 Zoom account, that's -- basically you can log on
15 through a phone, but you could also log on through the
16 internet and see the entire meeting. Now, the one
17 we're using right now is just phone calls.

18 MAYOR SCARPELLI: We're looking to do the
19 next meeting with Zoom. We want to make sure that all
20 the commissioners have capability and we have to notice
21 it properly. So we're going to -- we're actually
22 letting the Planning Board and the Zoning Board kind of
23 do the experiment, and let our people, our technical
24 people, get accustomed to what's going on before we go
25 live with Zoom. So, it may happen at the next meeting

1 if we can get the notice, and we make sure all the
2 commissioners and everybody else is able to have that
3 capability.

4 MR. MOORE: I'm on (indiscernible)
5 Toastmasters and I'm a Zoom (indiscernible). It's
6 much, much easier than the platform you're using right
7 now. And that's -- it is much easier.

8 My second question is, since we are having
9 everybody except probably the Clerk's Office, is the
10 overtime for the meeting going to down? I don't think
11 everybody has to have a clerk available, or how they
12 communicate with each other. I could see -- I can
13 understand the overtime for the Clerk's Office.

14 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Who else gets overtime,
15 Mr. Moore?

16 MR. MOORE: I thought there was other people
17 there that could -- when you're looking at the bottom
18 of the bill list, there's a very large overtime list,
19 and I remember over it several times, and it said Board
20 of Commissioner meetings. And I was just curious if
21 that's going to be reduced because we're on the call
22 right now.

23 COMMISSIONER EVANS: The standard overtime is
24 for the one clerk, not the Municipal Clerk, but for the
25 assistant that's actually with her. And the --

1 MR. MOORE: Yes, I would think so, yes.

2 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Okay. And so that
3 person gets it, but if you look on the bill list, my
4 overtime is \$147 out of the total of 20-something
5 thousand. And so -- and the -- as far as Town Hall is
6 concerned, all of the departments, not just the
7 Municipal Clerk's office, are operating fully. We are
8 following a rotation practice, and social distancing,
9 so that we are limiting the number of employees, and
10 we've provided the people who are working from home the
11 capability to do that, and so we're continuing to
12 actually operate normally, providing those services to
13 the township. Is that -- does that answer your
14 question, Mr. Moore?

15 MR. MOORE: Yes. Yes. Thank you. And my
16 last question --

17 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Just -- just -- Rory,
18 excuse me. Just to add -- this is Commissioner
19 Petracco, because I just opened my paperwork again. My
20 overtime in my budget, I'm certain that's for outside
21 assignments. I don't believe that we are running any
22 overtime right now.

23 MR. MOORE: I was just curious about the
24 meeting side of it. The Public -- your side, I
25 wouldn't even go there, because you have too many other

1 obligations. My final question, Mr. Evans, on your
2 Resolution 77-20, I believe that was a little over
3 \$5 million that you bonded. What is the total debt for
4 the town?

5 COMMISSIONER EVANS: The total debt right now
6 for the town is 13 million -- roughly, \$13,600,000.
7 Our actual borrowing capacity is \$143 million. So
8 we're roughly about 9 percent of our borrowing
9 capacity, and we have stabilized. If you look back,
10 and you go back about five years, six years, our debt
11 was actually closer to 16 million, 16 and a half
12 million, but we continue to keep it down. And right
13 now, we're roughly running about -- I'd have to -- I
14 haven't done the new math with the lower interest rate,
15 but generally our debt runs about 10 years at around
16 2.4 or 2.5 percent.

17 MR. MOORE: Thank you.

18 (Crosstalk)

19 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Anybody else wish to
20 address the Board of Commissioners this evening?

21 (Crosstalk)

22 THE CLERK: I'm sorry, I didn't get the
23 names.

24 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Excuse me, can you repeat
25 that?

1 MR. QUIRK: I said Larry Quirk, 45 Hampton
2 Place.

3 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Go ahead, Mr. Quirk.

4 MR. QUIRK: How are you, Mayor Scarpelli,
5 Commissioner Tucci, Commissioner Petracco, Commissioner
6 Evans, and Commissioner Rogers? First of all, thank
7 you so much for this opportunity to speak with you. We
8 hope that you are well, and your entire families are
9 also well in surviving this crazy crisis.

10 I just want to let you know, I am an
11 architect and manage my own firm. You meet so many
12 different people from different towns, different
13 counties here in New Jersey. And when I do meet them
14 for the first time, they usually seem to ask me, where
15 are you from? I respond, my office is in Rutherford,
16 but I live in Nutley. When they hear that, most of
17 them say, oh, I love Nutley, it's a very nice
18 community. Which actually is a reflection on the five
19 of you.

20 So that's a lead up to my next point. Just
21 yesterday and today, I had to go inspect some of my
22 design projects in Montvale, White Cross, and
23 (indiscernible) Township. In each town, block after
24 block, I not only saw thank you lawn signs, but I saw
25 large corner thank you signs. Signs of appreciations

1 towards the First Responders and the essential workers
2 at Valley Hospital. If you don't know, Valley Hospital
3 is in Ridgewood.

4 And then back home here in Nutley, we see
5 major intersections flooded with these very large
6 election signs. And I know that goes on every election
7 cycle, but I'm thinking, and I was going back to this
8 for the past couple nights, that just maybe, I can
9 convince you, the five -- the mayor -- the four
10 commissioners, and your challengers, to replace those
11 signs at those major intersections with signs of
12 appreciations towards the First Responders, essential
13 workers, and Mountainside Hospital. And obviously,
14 you'd all have -- all your campaigns would have to
15 donate, but I think that would be a major, positive
16 reflection on your campaigns, but also on the Township
17 of Nutley. So I --

18 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Can I respond, please?

19 MR. QUIRK: -- I'm just wondering what you
20 would think about that.

21 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Okay. Commissioner Tucci?

22 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Yes. Larry, I think
23 that's an excellent idea. I don't know about -- I
24 don't know about the signs, we still have an election
25 going on, and we do have 12 people running, so -- but

1 we do have a need to have some of that. But as far as
2 the --

3 MR. QUIRK: Yeah, but I don't -- I don't --

4 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: (Indiscernible) as far
5 as I am concerned --

6 MR. QUIRK: -- I don't -- hold on a second --
7 wait --

8 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Mr. Quirk, can you let
9 Commissioner Tucci go ahead --

10 MR. QUIRK: Yeah, no problem. Go ahead.

11 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: All right. But we
12 absolutely have in the process a banner being made
13 thanking all of our front line people, all of our EMS
14 people, our hospital workers, our town employees, our
15 grocery workers and everyone from the Town of Nutley.
16 So that'll be going up shortly. It would have been up
17 already, had we not run into a bit of difficulty in
18 obtaining the material to actually print it on.

19 MR. QUIRK: I just feel it's a better
20 reflection on the town to have those signs replaced
21 with signs of appreciation. And they're just
22 inundated. I mean, you guys compete with the size of
23 your sign. It's just not right. Period. And that's
24 all I have to say.

25 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Mr. Quirk.

1 Anybody else wish to address the Board of Commissioners
2 this evening?

3 MS. ROSSI: Tammy Rossi, 28 Colonial Terrace.
4 Commissioner Evans, you had said that Nutley has
5 received \$28 million in transitional aid since 2014?
6 What are we receiving this year alone?

7 COMMISSIONER EVANS: This year alone, we have
8 requested \$3.2 million. We have received certification
9 for \$2.8 million, and I'm just waiting for the closure
10 of the difference. But I've been assured that we will
11 get our aid. So we're looking at getting \$3.2 million
12 this year. And that aid really is the aid that must
13 become permanent, until we stop this transitional cycle
14 of the -- because we had -- we have a commitment from
15 the state of New Jersey that while we were able to put
16 the -- to actually establish a medical school on the
17 Roche campus, it does take up 11 acres, and a
18 significant portion of that 11 acres is currently
19 parking lot and land, so that there -- there isn't an
20 ability to recover ratables. So in order to actually
21 move forward with the medical school, we obtained a
22 commitment from the state, and we're working on
23 actually converting that amount to permanent aid.

24 MS. ROSSI: Okay, that's great. Okay, I have
25 another question. You had mentioned that you will be

1 able to freeze our tax increase. So are you saying
2 that we will be receiving the same tax bill this year
3 as we did last year?

4 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Yeah. So Tammy, that's
5 actually a really great question, and I'm glad you're
6 asking it. Everybody, you know, tends to say, what is
7 -- what is this? Are my taxes going up? Right? And
8 so -- and if you look at your bill, you have a tax
9 associated with the county, you have a tax that
10 contributed to the school. You have a tax that's
11 distributed to -- attributed to the municipality.
12 There's a tax attributed to the library, OpenSpace, and
13 so on. And then periodically, there's a credit in
14 there for certain people, for veterans, seniors, as
15 well as the homestead rebate.

16 So where we are right now, if you look at the
17 entirety of that bill, if you look at that bill, you
18 would then that you would -- unless there was a change
19 in the assessed value of your home for some reason,
20 like you had an addition or something like that, but if
21 your property is the same year over year, the municipal
22 tax that you paid last year will be the same in
23 municipal tax that you pay this year. The county tax
24 that you paid last year, will be the same for this
25 year, because there will not be a change or an increase

1 in the tax rate.

2 There is currently a tax increase related --
3 and a raise of 2.2 percent related to the school,
4 because their budget, it follows a different process,
5 and they have different budgeting challenges than we do
6 as a municipality. So there will be a 2.2 percent
7 adjustment related to that, which means on the overall
8 levies -- so your -- now to your question, that because
9 of the school increase, there will be a small tax
10 increase of 1.1 percent, but I -- what I was talking
11 about, that the areas that I can directly influence, is
12 the county and the municipality.

13 For some, and this is important, because of
14 everything that's going on with COVID, and the revenues
15 outlook for the state, the state has frozen the
16 homestead rebate payments, because I think they're up
17 to 2016. So some people who would be looking for an
18 adjusted bill around this time of year, won't get that
19 because the state has withheld that money right now.
20 Does that help?

21 MS. ROSSI: Yes, and I -- that's great.
22 Thank you very much. I have another question. And as
23 you realize in these unprecedented times, there are
24 many employees in the private sector whose employers
25 are cutting their salaries to -- in order to maintain

1 employment for all the employees, has there been any --
2 and I am anticipating a part of the increase, the tax
3 increase and the school budget, is due to salary
4 increases. Has there been any discussion of freezing
5 salaries in public sector employees to mitigate that
6 increase and burden on these taxpayers who may be
7 experiencing job loss or pay cuts also?

8 COMMISSIONER EVANS: So Tammy, to -- as it
9 relates to your question --

10 THE CLERK: Sorry.

11 COMMISSIONER EVANS: As it relates to your
12 question, when you look at what a municipal government
13 deals with, many of the employees are -- have --
14 actually part of collective bargaining arrangements.
15 So the PDA, the FMDA, the Teamsters, the NJEA, when you
16 think about that, they're all under union contracts
17 which have been negotiated, and we have a legal
18 obligation to abide by those contracts.

19 So in our case, and then there's a small
20 portion of our employees that are not bound by that,
21 and that's a very small portion of our employees'
22 salaries. So in this -- in the Nutley side, we are
23 complying with our contractual obligations. But at the
24 same time, because of the fact that we do, and I
25 especially look at preparedness, we are able to

1 actually absorb that to achieve a zero increase.

2 There are many corporations out there that
3 because of their unions, and your union obligations,
4 have similar challenges as we do.

5 MS. ROSSI: Uh-huh. And I'm surprised that
6 there isn't an exception in the case of a national
7 emergency.

8 COMMISSIONER EVANS: In our case, if we
9 actually get to a point where we are unable to collect
10 sufficient tax dollars, and we cannot get recovery from
11 the state, or issue what they call a tax anticipation
12 note to cover it, those negotiations would obviously in
13 the natural course, Tammy, come up.

14 So for example, you might have read United
15 said they're canceling 90 percent of their flights, and
16 they're furloughing all of those people, because they
17 do not have that -- the actual business to support
18 their company, all right? So those -- that's an
19 example of somebody who's doing that. We are not there
20 yet. If we do get there, that will be a discussion
21 later in the year with the commissioners.

22 MS. ROSSI: Thank you very much.

23 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Anybody else want to
24 address the Board of Commissioners this evening?

25 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Before we adjourn,

1 Mayor, can I just address Larry Quirk real quick, if
2 Larry's still on the line?

3 MR. QUIRK: Yes, I'm still here. I'm still
4 here, Mr. Petracco.

5 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: You know, Larry, I
6 think we've all been thinking about these signs the
7 last few months, our fund raisers and all that stuff.
8 And I think you bring a great point, and I think we've
9 all been twisting and turning about this. So I'm going
10 to be willing to do something, especially as the Public
11 Safety Director. I see that I have a sign on the
12 corner of Franklin and Center, which I think is the
13 Avenue of Americas. And I'll take my political signs
14 down there.

15 MR. QUIRK: Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: And what I'll do, is
17 I'll do a sign for the First Responders on behalf of
18 the Board of Commissioners.

19 MR. QUIRK: That would be great. I think
20 that's positive. I think --

21 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: If that's okay with
22 the --

23 MR. QUIRK: To tell you the truth, to tell
24 you the truth, if you make this move, and I know you
25 all want to get re-elected, with the exception of

1 Commissioner Rogers, and we thank him for his service,
2 but I think that's a positive -- I mean, I know a lot
3 of people, if they see that, they see a turn of events,
4 and you guys would surely get back in, and there would
5 be no competition. Not that there should not be, there
6 should always be competition, that makes the other
7 person better. But I think -- and I -- we've been
8 saying -- myself and my wife have been thinking about
9 this for quite some time, and just the fact that I saw
10 these signs today, made me think, I have to go and
11 speak to you, the five of you, and try to convince you.
12 Because, you know, I don't -- I work in different
13 towns, and I come into Nutley, and that's all I see.
14 And it's a bad -- it's really a bad reflection on our
15 town. So thank you, Commissioner Petracco, for
16 considering that. I appreciate it.

17 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: If that's okay with
18 the Board of Commissioners, I will get on that. If
19 that's okay with everyone.

20 MAYOR SCARPELLI: That's fine. Anybody else
21 wish to address the Board of Commissioners before we
22 adjourn? We'll give you a couple seconds. Hearing
23 none, can I have a motion to adjourn?

24 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Move to adjourn.

25 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Second.

Conference Session

1 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

2 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

4 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans? Commissioner

6 Evans?

7 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

8 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

10 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye. Everybody, stay

11 safe.

12 THE CLERK: The time is 8:02.

13 MR. QUIRK: Yes. All of you, too. Thank

14 you.

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